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As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, I believe I am an original, first and sole (or joint) inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **"SEPARATOR FOR A LEAD STORAGE BATTERY"**, the specification of which was filed on February 2, 2006 as Serial No. 10/566,928.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code § 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate(s) or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United State of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

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| EP | 03018203.4 | 09/08/2003 | yes |
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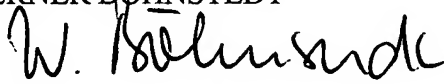
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